GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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HEALTH CARE OF DEFENCE EMPLOYEES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have a scheme of health care for working as well as retired defence employees;

(b) if so, the salient feature of the scheme; and

(c) the allocation made for the purpose during the current year? A N S W E R

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)
(a) to (c): A statement is attached.
STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1950 FOR 30.11.2000
There are two categories of Defence employees, viz., Armed Forces Personnel and Defence Civilianemployees. Each category has a different scheme for health care facilities, as given below :-

I. The Armed Forces personnel are provided with health care facilities as per the provisions contained in the Regulations for Medical Services of Armed Forces - 1983. Under this, the serving Armed Forces personnel are provided with the following medical facilities :

Professional advice and treatment is provided by the authorised medical attendant to all armed forces personnel during sickness/injury:

- as out patients at armed forces hospitals, dispensaries and medical inspection rooms or at their quarters
- treatment in hospitals, subject to the recovery of such hospital stoppages, as stipulated
- in case, the required treatment facility is not available in the services medical establishments, the same is provided from the civil government/private hospitals, located within the country, and, occasionally, even from hospitals located outside the country, depending on the need and severity of the case.

II. The retired Armed Forces personnel are provided with limited medical facilities from within the available resources of Armed Forces Medical Services, as given below :-

(i) Free outpatient treatment in the nearest Armed Forces Hospital, including the supply of medicine necessary for their treatment.

(ii) In-patient treatment in the Armed Forces Hospitals, subject to the following conditions:

- that the disease is not incurable.
- the hospital accommodation could be made available within the authorised number of beds and without detriment to the needs of serving personnel and the treatment will be limited to the facilities available locally.
- the scope of the above concession will not include treatment of Pulmonary tuberculosis, leprosy, malignant disease or any other disease for which the treatment is not ,

ordinarily, available from local military hospital.

III. The civilian employees of the defence services are provided with health care facilities like any other central Government civil employees under Central Services (Medical Attendance) Rules/ Central Government Health Scheme.

Funds allocation for the health care of Armed Forces Personnel for the current financial year, towards the revenue budget, is Rs. 170 crores, and towards capital budget it is Rs. 70 crores.